

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2006-76-C - ORDER NO. 2006-271
APRIL 28, 2006

IN RE: Application of Home Telephone Company,) ORDER ON
Inc. for Alternative Regulation Plan Pursuant) ALTERNATIVE
to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576) REGULATION PLAN

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on Home Telephone Company, Inc.'s (Home or the Company) Application for an Alternative Regulation Plan, filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576.

Home has elected to have the rates, terms, and conditions of its services determined pursuant to the alternative regulation plan described in S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576(B). Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576(A), any local exchange carrier (LEC) may elect to have the rates, terms and conditions of its services determined pursuant to the alternative regulation plan described in S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576(B), provided that the Commission has approved a local interconnection agreement in which the LEC is a participant with an entity determined by the Commission not to be affiliated with the LEC. By affidavit, William S. Helmly, President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company, certified that Home is not affiliated with MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC (MCI), with whom it has an interconnection agreement. This Commission has approved that interconnection agreement. Accordingly, we hold that Home and MCI are not affiliated, and that Home

Telephone Company's election of alternative regulation pursuant to S.C. Code Ann.

Section 58-9-576(B) is effective as of April 7, 2006.

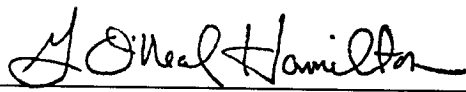
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice-Chairman

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